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1. Ivan B. Levin, former chief of the TABS Bureau in East Berlin, departed for the USSE on 25 August 1954, allegedly on leave, but as of early November 1954 there was no indication that he was going to return. the meantime, Mikhail Pan'shin was acting as chief of the bureau and from his attitude it seemed that he was going to remain in Berlin as chief of the TASS Bureau.

2. As of early November 1954, the Soviet staff of the TASS Bureau consisted of Pan'shin, Mikitochkin (fnu), Gerashchenko (fnu) and Bashmachnikov (fnu). Mikitochkin was in charge of East German articles and news; Gerashchenko wmote articles and news about cultural and sports events; and Bashmachnikov wrote articles about West Germany and West Berlin. Although Gerashchenko was intended to be a press photographer, he had not been very active in that capacity.

3. Berezinsky (fnu), the East Berlin correspondent of Komsomol'skaya Pravda, who was sent to cover the Geneva conference, was still absent from Berlin as of early November 1954. Smirnov (fnu), the Radio Moscow correspondent in East Berlin, had returned to his post. 25X1

4. Maumov (fnu), of Pravda, and Prail nikov (fnu), of Izvestia, both were in East Berlin as of early November 1954.

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